

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on drug costs during the session of the Senate on July 18, 2000.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 3 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, to conduct a hearing on "S. 2733, the Affordable Housing for Seniors and Families Act."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRODUCTION AND PRICE  
COMPETITIVENESS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 18, 2000. The purpose of this meeting will be to examine the future of U.S. agricultural export programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS  
OVERSIGHT

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, for a public hearing on Energy Tax Issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ben Noble of Senator LEAHY's staff be accorded floor privileges during the remainder of the consideration of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Garry Stacey Banks, Ashley Badger, Erin Choi, Marissa Coughlin, Crystal Duncan,

Ethan Falatko, Geneva Head, Walter Kookesh, Aaron Meredith, David Naneng, Darien Pearson, Marshall Sele, Yun Xia, Jennafer Tryck, and Jensen Young, Alaskan students participating in my summer intern program, be granted floor privileges in order to accompany me on my daily schedule through August 15, 2000. Only two interns will accompany me to the floor at any particular time.

I also ask that Garry Stacey Banks, Ethan Falatko, Marshall Sele, Jennafer Tryck, and Jensen Young be granted floor privileges in order to accompany my legislative director, Chris Schabacker, through August 15, 2000. Only one intern will accompany my legislative director to the floor at any particular time.

THE DEATH OF SENATOR PAUL  
COVERDELL, OF GEORGIA

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I have one of the most difficult things to do now that I have had to do since I have served as majority leader of the Senate, and that is to announce that our beloved colleague from Georgia, PAUL COVERDELL, passed away today at approximately 6:10 p.m. in the Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, GA. PAUL has been a close friend and confidant, an outstanding Member of this body, and we will miss him greatly.

At the appropriate time, I will join the rest of my colleagues in trying to make appropriate remarks to pay tribute to PAUL, but for now I can't do any more than just make this announcement. I do want to say to Nancy Coverdell and the family that we extend our sympathy and our love. Our hearts are breaking also.

Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration; further, that the resolution be read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 338),

Whereas the Honorable Paul Coverdell served Georgia in the United States Senate with devotion and distinction;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Coverdell served all the people of the United States as Director of the Peace Corps;

Whereas his efforts on behalf of Georgians and all Americans earned him the esteem and high regard of his colleagues; and

Whereas his tragic and untimely death has deprived his State and Nation of an outstanding lawmaker and public servant: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell a Senator from the State of Georgia.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all Members of the

Senate be made cosponsors of this resolution, and further that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 338) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we will announce for the Senate and all those who knew and loved PAUL, the details of the services for him when they are available. We don't have that information at this time. I presume sometime tomorrow we will know that. And also I want colleagues to know that they are encouraged to make statements of sympathy during the proceedings tomorrow when we are in session, if they feel so inclined. But, as is the tradition, we will designate a specific time at a later date so that all Senators will have time to appropriately express their feelings for this fine Senator.

I ask the assistant majority leader conclude our proceedings this afternoon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New York.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, might I join with our distinguished majority leader in expressing the grief we all feel for a man of peace who did so much in his life, and brilliantly, as Director of the Peace Corps under President Bush. We know him so well and miss him so much and can only share in the thought that he rests in peace.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.]

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, the announcement the majority leader just made that our friend and colleague, PAUL COVERDELL, passed away at 6:10 p.m. today is a very sad statement. PAUL COVERDELL was an outstanding Senator from the State of Georgia. This is Georgia's loss, but it is also a loss for all of our country.

I join with my colleagues in expressing our sympathy to Nancy Coverdell, to the Coverdell family, to all the friends and associates of PAUL COVERDELL, for he was truly an outstanding Senator. He served this body with great distinction, with great humor and leadership. Frankly, he was a leader in everything he did, certainly in the Peace Corps and his service in the Senate. He will truly be missed, not just by Georgians but, frankly, by all Americans.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY  
19, 2000

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on